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A GREAT BAPTIST GATHERING HERE.

The Ablest Divines. Hundreds of Visitors Throng the City.

Two Thousand Enjoy Our Hospitality

President Morris Remarkable Address---He is Unanimously Re-elected. Miss Jewett an Attraction. She Speaks from A Carriage.

Train after train-load of delegates and visitors poured into the city on Tuesday and Wednesday last to attend the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention.

Fifth Street Baptist Church at which place the sessions of the convention were to be held was the scene of activity which beggars description. Trunks, satchels, supplies of meat, flour, and food of all kinds could be seen at this spacious edifice.

It was seen at once that the attempt to entertain, feed and lodge the convention was a success.

REV. DR. GRAHAM'S EFFORT.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham and his corps of workers had systematized the undertaking with such accuracy that all who wrote to him before hand knew just where to go before they reached the city.

It was estimated that one thousand delegates would be present, but it was easily ascertained that this number was exceeded.

Promptly at 10 a. m. Wednesday morning President E. O. Morris of Arkansas rapped the gavel. Rev. Wm. H. Phillips of Philadelphia, Rev. U. O. Booth, D. D., Rev. Dr. D. A. Gaddy of Louisville, Ky. conducted the religious exercises.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

It was a brilliant assemblage. From the rostrum to the door it was a mass of the ablest colored theologians in the country.

Rev. Dr. Graham was the observer of all observers. With a satisfied smile upon his countenance, he moved about the church, responding instantly to all demands made upon him.

He had a private telephone put in the church building thereby coming in touch with the entire city.

Mr. Charles G. Jurgens & Son sent a wagon-load of furniture for the use of



REV. A. A. COOLEY, Clarksville, Miss.

the convention, and Mr. Wise Ellis was seen bringing in the same. A vote of thanks was returned.

An address of welcome on the part of the Fifth Street Baptist Church was made by Miss Anna Bell Ellis.

It embraced many timely utterances and excellent remarks and the speaker was repeatedly interrupted with applause.

Gov. J. Hoge Tyler and Mayor R. M. Taylor were not present, and Editor John Mitchell Jr. delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city. He declared that the National Baptist Convention was welcome. He paid a glowing tribute to the efforts of Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham, advocated racial independence and responsibility and after being repeatedly interrupted by applause closed amidst an ovation which was repeated again and again after he had taken his seat.

Rev. W. E. Gillins, pastor of the A. M. E. Church remarked that he had been always advised never to go to sea

in a storm. He nevertheless disregarded the advice and won the favor of the assemblage by citing what had been accomplished by the Negroes of the A. M. E. Church. His remarks were timely and illustrations to the point. He was rapturously applauded.

Rev. D. W. Davis, the poet and humorist welcomed the convention in well chosen remarks, interspersed with poetic selections. He was in his happiest mood and the audience vied with him in his flights of oratory longly applauding him at the close. Never has he spoken with more telling effect.

Then followed the Rev. J. Edward Gurnby, the pastor of the Leigh Street M. E. Church. He gave a humorous illustration of his predicament on the programme and welcomed the convention to the city. He was applauded.

Rev. Alexander McQuire, pastor of the St. Phillips P. E. Church was in his best mood and his use of language well suited to the occasion, won the instant approval of the house which was shown time and again as he proceeded with his most excellent remarks.

Rev. W. E. Partee, pastor of the Colored Presbyterian Church, joined in the welcome and was most liberally applauded at the close.

In keeping with the welcome was the response by Rev. W. A. Credit of Philadelphia and Rev. C. M. Wells of Montgomery, who again awakened the echoes in the convention.

The feature of the convention on Wednesday morning was the able and scholarly sermon of Rev. G. B. Howard D. D., Pittsburgh Pa. He discussed "The mind of Christ."

He said that the Negro had a splendid example in the life of Christ, and if he would follow it, instead of trying to go after every little man who came along claiming to be a leader, he would get along much better. He discussed the work of the negro Baptists and what they are doing for the world, especially the National Baptist Convention.

THE DUTY OF THE CONVENTION.

The president stated that it was the duty of the convention to work for humanity and not so much for race alone. He called attention to the suffering men and women in Texas, by reason of a recent storm, and appealed to the convention for a collection. The delegates responded liberally, and a committee was appointed to express the sympathy of the convention to the sufferers, and another collection will be taken during the session. The convention took a recess for dinner, which was served in the lecture room by a committee.

Rev. Dr. A. N. McKen, of Mobile, Ala., presided during the afternoon session. J. H. Eason, of Anniston, Ala., editor of the "Baptist Leader," and author of a work touching the doctrine of the Baptist Church, led the devotional exercises.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Some preliminaries were carried out, and then Dr. E. O. Morris, the president of the convention, delivered his annual address. He said in part:

"The conditions in this country have forced the negroes to be separate in their churches, associations, and conventions from their white brethren, and these smaller organizations have by reason of the same conditions, been forced to form this national body.

Since we have the National Baptist Convention, it is imperative that it has a high and noble object; and as this object has been clearly defined, it is unnecessary that I should attempt to bring it before you."

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Prof. Morris addressed himself at some length to the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, on which he spoke as "among the many agencies which God sent to redeem,

and lift up our people." He spoke of the work of the Board with pride, and added: "It was a hazardous undertaking, made, as it was, at the close of one of the most marvellous centuries since the dawn of creation, at a time when art, science, and literature were at their zenith and when the more advanced races were vying among themselves as to which could produce the best and most acceptable literature for the vast army of Christian readers. For a people only thirty years from slavery to undertake such a project, was indeed perilous. As was expected, criticism came thick and fast, but our manager, a man who lays no claim to an education, was well prepared to receive all that came.

A HEAVY INCREASE.

When fourteen thousand Baptist Sunday schools, instead of nine thousand, as we now have are honest, faithful patrons of our Publishing Board, we will be prepared to remove even the little objections which are now raised.

In this connection, I wish to say to the negro Baptists of the world, and to those of this state in particular, that if you would occupy a place in the sacred history of to day which is to be read by unborn generations, you will have to ally yourselves with these distinct and separate enterprises, fostered and managed by the race; otherwise, the passing of your life will be



REV. C. T. WALKER, D. D., Pastor Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, New York City.

like the duration of a meteor or shooting star, while your fellows who have endeavored to leave a distinct heritage will be as fixed stars in the gaze of future generations. Every race must make and write its own history.

STANDS FOR ALL.

The work of the Publishing Board stands for all there is in the negro Bapt. family, so far as Christian literature is concerned, and we predict that before the close of the first decade of the twentieth century, all will be in line to encourage and support this marvelous undertaking."

RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

At the conclusion of Dr. Morris's ad-

dress the following resolutions were offered by Rev. W. Justin Waytes and adopted:

A REMARKABLE TRIESTE.

Whereas, we have listened with inexpressible delight to the able, practical, and scholarly address of President Morris, an address original and worthy of our deepest consideration and support:

Resolved, That we suspend the rule committing the address to a committee, and adopt the same as the sentiment of the negro Baptist, and as a mark of our appreciation of the administrative ability of Dr. Morris, we do hereby suspend the rule and elect him president of the convention by acclamation.

No one objected to this motion, and it passed.

DOING FOR THEMSELVES.

Some pointed remarks were made touching the position of the negro as to his own condition in this country. Rev. Dr. J. Anderson Taylor, of Washington, D. C. said the negro Baptists who were trying to do something for themselves were not opposed to the white people, nor did they desire to get away from them, but the negroes were trying to do something for themselves as the white people desired them to do. "The white people do not want you to always be around begging

carried Postmaster Baker's family to Boston entered the church. She was assured later by Pres. E. O. Morris that she would be introduced to the convention.

Rev. D. Stratton of West Virginia delivered an address. Dr. A. M. Johnson, of Vicksburg, Miss., preached an able sermon on the missionary work among the heathens.

The vast congregation joined Secretary Jordan in singing, "Savior More than Life to Me."

A collection for Foreign Mission was lifted.

Thursday morning, Sept. 14th, 1900.—The convention was called to order at 9 a. m. Vice-President Dr. J. Durham, of Georgia presiding. Devotional exercises, Theme "The Gospel in all Lands," conducted by the above named divine. Adjournment for 15 minutes took place to allow the state delegation to organize.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D. of Kentucky delivered a powerful address upon the subject, "How all Baptists May Cooperate in World-wide Mission." It was one of the ablest productions of the convention.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Home Mission Board, together with the Fourth Annual Report of the National Baptist Publication Board were immediately favorably received by the convention.

He said:

"It is a source of great pleasure to us to render to you to day, as representatives of the sixteen thousand Negro Baptist Churches of America, an account of our stewardship of the trusts committed to us by your votes. Allow us to express our heartfelt thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His spiritual guidance and manifold blessings, in this, our labor of love. We are not unmindful of the great confidence that you repose in us, as your servants and representatives, when you sent us forth to execute in your name the great command of our King Great High Priest, only Law Giver and Elder Brother, Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," etc.

"During the past twelve months of our stewardship, we have sustained some 60 reaversments, a few discouragements, together with a little apparent opposition and hindrance; but when we compare the blessings and encouragement in business circles, the unparalleled success and spiritual guidance of our missionaries on the field, together with the hearty support and brotherly co operation of our pastors, churches and Sunday school workers in our publication work, they seem too small and insignificant to mention. For the benefit of those who are not so well acquainted with our plan of work, manner of reports, and general management of affairs, allow us to

A MISSIONARY MASS MEETING.



Rev. C. S. Morris, West Newton, Mass.



Rev. L. N. Cheek, Canton, Miss.

These are to sail for West, South and East Africa after our Convention adjourns.



Miss E. B. DeLaney, Fernandina, Fla.

Hear them at the Exposition Building Sunday at 3 p. m.



Rev. T. W. Longwood, Hot Springs, Ark.



Rev. E. B. P. Koti, Queens town, South Africa, came to America, April, 1900.

Attend the Missionary Mass Meeting at Exposition Building, Sunday, Sep. 16th, at 3 p. m., and hear the farewell words of four missionaries who go to Africa.

state here that your Home Mission Board is managing its business partly by constitution, partly by resolution adopted by you in 1896, and partly by the custom of its past five years.

THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

Notwithstanding the great rise in material, the increase of wages, and the disadvantages that would seem under any conditions to hinder progress and check financial achievements in our work, yet the year has been the most prosperous and most profitable in the history of our organization. We have increased our missionary clerical force, increased our skilled laborers,



REV. W. F. GRAHAM, D. D.,

Pastor Fifth St. Baptist Church, who virtually single handedly entertained 2000 delegates and visitors of the National Baptist Convention.

increased our Bible work, made great increase in the circulation of our Sunday School periodicals, and have increased in the number of books, tracts, and pamphlets published and sent forth.

The financial report shows that the total cash receipts for the year were \$49,800.37, all of which was expended except a balance of \$1,803.16.

MISS JEWETT SPEAKS.

One of the most unfortunate occurrences in the otherwise peaceful National Baptist Convention was the failure to accord to Miss LILLIAN CLAYTON

to speak. Matters reached a crisis on Thursday morning last at about noon, when she announced from the gallery of the convention that she would speak in the street. A large number followed her and a carriage having been secured she addressed the assembly.

She said: "I would have spoken to you if I had to go to the top of the house to do it. My grand-father was an anti-slavery man."

MORE ABOUT THE BAKER FAMILY.

When I took the Baker family to Boston I did it to show the North how the situation really is. I did it that they might see for themselves. I had a citizen's Committee to whom were to be sent the funds. Some of them were dishonest, and I made them stand aside, hence this fight on me by one of them who took the funds. I stand here with my white skin which will fight for you and for me. My



REV. R. H. BOYD, D. D., Manager National Bapt. Pub'g. House.

friends are here and they will protect me."

About this time the people were pouring out of the church like bees out of a hive and a cry for those on the steps to move on so that others could get out was loud and constant.

AN INDUCEMENT TO MURDER.

Miss Jewett continued: "A body of white men offered \$1,000 to any one who would murder me. You may murder me and get your \$1,000 but I shall continue to speak for you as long as I live."

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WIFE WANTED.

Mr. "B," colored, a prosperous, professional man, wishes to open correspondence with some young lady with a view to marriage. Mr. "B" has a fine practice and desires to wed a lady of some means who is able and willing to aid him financially in his business, and he will thus insure an independent living for himself and wife.

The advertiser is thirty, but ladies of any respectable age may apply, and from any section of the country.

Mr. "B" is not of Richmond, but all communications must be addressed to Mr. "B" in care of Richmond FLAVAR, Richmond, Va., and will be forwarded directly to him without being opened. Correspondence will be conducted on strictly secret basis and the names of no parties applying will be made public.